surrender the old card and apply for a biometric card. Over a period of time, we will replace all the old cards by biometric cards. But since this can't be done overnight without dislocating the system, initially the idea is to give the option to the old PAN card holder, "either you use your old PAN card or please surrender it and apply for a biometric PAN card".

श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज: सर, मेरी सेकंड सप्लिमेंटरी यह है कि अभी आपने देखा होगा कि कुछ दिनों पहले उड़ीसा और महाराष्ट्र में ऐसे केसेज़ आए, जहाँ तीन या चार महीने के बच्चों के भी पैन कार्ड्स बने हुए हैं। आज के पैन कार्ड पर केवल तस्वीर लगती है। अगर वह पैन कार्ड आगे तक चल जाए तो एक साल बाद या दो साल बाद जब बच्चा बड़ा होगा तो तस्वीर उसकी बदल जाएगी क्योंकि उसका चेहरा बदल जाएगा। तो क्या आप यह करेंगे कि सबसे पहले ये जो छोटे बच्चों के पैन कार्ड्स हैं, इनको बायोमैट्रिक पैन कार्ड पर डालें, क्योंकि बायोमैट्रिक पैन कार्ड में जो डिटेल्स होती है, वह कभी भी बदलती नहीं है?

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Sir, these are extremely rare cases where the child is an assessee, and the father has to apply and the father has to sign. These are very rare cases, three or four cases.But he will soon introduce a biometric card system. Once the biometric card system is introduced, all new PAN cards issued after that date will be only biometric PAN cards.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

CPSEs in the country

*42. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be Pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) at present functioning in the country;

(b) the details of CPSEs conferred with 'Navratna' status and criteria laid down therefor;

(c) what is the total investment made in such CPSEs during the year 2006-07 as compared to the year 2005-06, State-wise indicating the total dividend paid to the Government in the year 2005-06;

(d) what was the total contribution to Government through dividend, interest and taxes as on 1.4.2006; and

(e) what is the percentage of share in GDP which comes from the above mentioned CPSEs?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) As on 31.3.2006, there were 245 Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) in the country.

(b) Presently, there are 12 CPSEs which have been conferred Navratna status. These 12 CPSEs are (i) Bharat Electronics Limited, Bangalore (ii) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited, New Delhi (iii) Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited, Mumbai (iv) GAIL (India) Limited, New Delhi (v) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, Bangalore (vi) Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited, Mumbai (vii) Indian Oil Corporation Limited, New Delhi (viii) Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited, New Delhi (ix) NTPC Limited, New Delhi (x) Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Limited, Dehradun (xi) Power Finance Corporation Limited, New Delhi and (xii) Steel Authority of India Limited, New.Delhi.

The following criteria are adopted for conferment of Navratna status to CPSEs:—

(i) CPSE should be of Schedule 'A' category;

(ii) CPSE should be Miniratna Category - I;

(iii) CPSE should have obtained 'excellent' or 'very good' MOU rating in three of the last five years; and

(iv) CPSE should have obtained a composite score of 60 or above in six selected performance indicators.

(c) As per available information, investments made in these 12 Navratna CPSEs as on 31.3.2006 stood at Rs. 88,263 crore. The dividend paid to Government by these 12 Navratna CPSEs in the year 2005-06 was Rs. 11,406.64 crore. The details are given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(d) The 12 Navratna CPSEs contributed Rs. 80,718 crore to the Government by way of dividend, interest on Government loans, taxes and duties.

(e) As per the Quick Estimates made by Central Statistical Organization, the share of these 12 Navratna CPSEs in the Gross Domestic Product (at factor cost) for the year 2005-06 was 2.74%.

Statement

Details of Dividend paid to Government by Navratna CPSEs during the year 2005-06

(all figures in Rs. crore)

Sl. No.	Name of Navratna CPSE	Headquarters	Dividend paid to Government
1	2	3	4
1.	Bharat Electronics Limited	Bangalore, Karnataka	67.97
2.	Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited	New Delhi	282.00
3.	Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited	Mumbai, Maharashtra	148.95
4.	GAIL (India) Limited	New Delhi	581.87
5.	Hindustan Aeronautics Limited	Bangalore, Karnataka	252.51
6.	Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited	Mumbai, Maharashtra	173.08
7.	Indian Oil Corporation Limited	New Delhi	958.08

1	2	3	4
8.	Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited	New Delhi	194.91
9.	NTPC Limited	New Delhi	2638.60
10.	Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Limited	Dehradun, Uttarakhand	4757.30
11.	Power Finance Corporation Limited	New Delhi	270.24
12.	Steel Authority of India Limited	New Delhi	1081.13
	TOTAL:		11406.64

Source: DPE Survey 2005-06

Irrigation projects in Andhra Pradesh

*47. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the progress of the ongoing irrigation projects in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the time-frame for completion, project- wise;

(c) whether any fresh project proposals terming as National Importance have been received from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh for assistance as a special package to development the backward areas of the State; and

(d) if so; the details thereof alongwith status and the estimated assistance being earmarked?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ): (a) As reported by Government of Andhra Pradesh, there are 37 Major and 17 Medium ongoing irrigation projects in the State of Andhra Pradesh. Details of the projects are given in the enclosed Statement-I (*See* below).

(b) Details of the projects along with project-wise time frame of their completion are given in the enclosed Statement-II (*See* below).

(c) No sir;

(d) Does not arise.

Statement-I

Irrigation Projects of Andhra Pradesh

Major Irrigation Projects

Sl. No	Name of the Project	Status of Investment Clearance	Year of completion
1	2	3	4
1	Vamsadhara Project Stg-II Ph-I	Approved	2007-08
2	Vamsadhara Project Stg-II Ph-II	Approved	2009-10